

Note: The findings were not adopted by the Board of Game during the meeting. A detailed meeting summary was produced instead.

Findings for the Alaska Board of Game

2020-XXX-BOG

**Board Recommendation to the Department of Fish and Game
provided during the _____ Regulations Meeting
Month XX, XXXX**

The Board of Game finds as follows, based on information provided by Department staff, Alaska residents and other wildlife users:

Due to current health mandates around the United States associated with COVID-19 a number of resident and nonresident bear hunters (black bear and brown bear) are unable to fully utilize Spring 2020 (regulatory year 2019) hunting opportunities. These opportunities include general season, registration permit, and drawing permit hunts throughout Alaska. The Board of Game (BOG) directs the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) to investigate options for providing hunting opportunities for those who are unable to hunt in the spring season of regulatory year 2019 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020). It is the Board’s intent that hunters unable to hunt in the spring 2020 will be provided another opportunity no later than spring 2023 (regulatory year 2022) and will be offered only one opportunity to reschedule hunts. Neither the Board nor ADF&G are responsible for coordinating transporter, guide, or land management agency (i.e., U.S. Forest Service) requirements.

The Board recommended the department take the following actions specific to drawing hunts:

1. Modify 5 AAC 92.050(6) to allow the transfer of 2020 spring season drawing permits to a future year for hunting black bear in GMUs 1-3, and 14C, and brown and grizzly bear in GMUs 4, 8, 10, 14C, 22, and 26B.

Date: _____

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